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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SNAR MX

SUBJECT: AIRCRAFT AVAILABILITY

REF: MEXICO 10287

AMB VANCE/ALBERTI TELECON NOV 25

1. AS OF NOV 24, AIRCRAFT AVAILABILITY AS FOLLOWS:

212S - 5 AVAILABLE

1 - 1000 HR INSPECTION

2 - 100 HR INSPECTION

1 MAIN ROTOR SHAFT INSPECTION

1 HYDRAULIC PROBLEMS

1 ACCIDENT INSPECTION

11 TOTAL

206S - 5 AVAILABLE

1 ROTOR BLADE CHANGE

1 BEING TEST FLOWN

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1 - 100 HR INSPECTION

1 TURBINE CHANGE  
1 CRASH DAMAGE  
1 PENDING REPAIR IN DALLAS  
11 TOTAL

185S - 4 AVAILABLE  
1 RADIO AND LANDING GEAR  
1 - 100 HR INSPECTION  
6 TOTAL

AERO COMMANDERS - 2 AVAILABLE  
2 TOTAL

2. NOTES:

A. OF THE 206S, THREE ARE LONG-TERM REPAIR PROBLEMS:  
THOSE AWAITING TURBINE CHANGE; WITH CRASH DAMAGE; AND  
IN DALLAS PENDING EXTENSIVE CRASH DAMAGE REPAIRS.

B. ONE 212 IS A LONG-TERM PROBLEM, THE ONE UNDER  
"ACCIDENT INSPECTION."

3. DEPT WILL NOTE THAT AVAILABILITY HAD TAKEN  
SIGNIFICANT UPWARD TREND DURING MONTH OF OCTOBER.  
THE RECENT LOW AVAILABILITY REPORTED IN REF (B) MAY  
BEST BE EXPLAINED AS FOLLOWS:

(A) TWELVE MECHANICS HAVE BEEN IN TRAINING FOR FOUR  
WEEKS; THEY WERE RELEASED WEEKEND OF NOV 17.

(B) TWELVE ADDITIONAL MECHANICS HAVE BEEN DEPLOYED AT  
OPERATIONAL BASES, DURING MARIJUANA CAMPAIGN.

(C) ALSO, DURING RECENT MARIJUANA CAMPAIGN, GOM HAS PLACED  
EMPHASIS ON OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES OVER SCHEDULED  
MAINTENANCE. THIS HAS FINALLY CAUGHT UP WITH THEM, AND THEY ARE  
PAYING THE PRICE IN A LARGER-THAN-USUAL NUMBER OF DOWNED  
AIRCRAFT FOR ROUTINE INSPECTIONS.  
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(D) SPARE PARTS STOCK LEVELS ARE JUST NOW MEETING THE  
REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED BY ADDITIONAL AIRCRAFT AND OPERATIONS.  
THIS IS FOLLOWING RECENT RELEASE OF SIZEABLE QUANTITIES  
OF SPARES BY MEXICAN CUSTOMS.

(E) GENERAL GOM MANAGERIAL INEPTNESS AND ABSENTEEISM ON  
MAINTENANCE LEVEL, WHICH HAS RESULTED IN INTERRUPTED WORK

FLAWS, CUSTOMS PROBLEMS, FAILURE TO MEET PERSONNEL LEVEL  
COMMITMENTS, ETC. THESE PROBLEMS HAVE NOW EITHER BEEN RESOLVED  
OR ARE WELL ON WAY TO SOLUTION AS RESULT OF SERIES OF GOM  
PERSONNEL AND ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS, AS REPORTED  
IN RECENT SERIES OF EMBASSY/DEA CABLES.

4. WE DO NOT WISH TO FALL INTO POSSIBLE TRAP BY  
PREDICTING AIRCRAFT AVAILABILITY IN FUTURE. RATHER WE SHALL  
CONTINUE TO REPORT ACTUAL AVAILABILITY ON REGULAR BASIS,  
IN HOPES THAT THIS WILL DOCUMENT A CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT.  
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